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Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Subcommittee on Civil Service of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service are, as you know, conducting an inquiry into the Presidential Directive on safeguarding national security information (NSDD-84). We have scheduled a closed hearing for Tuesday, February 7, 1984, to hear further testimony from the Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

We are writing to clarify our purpose in holding this hearing. Our focus is narrow: we are looking at the need for, the efficacy and utility of, and the burdens imposed by the Presidential Directive. The Administration declined, during our April hearings, to come forward with evidence demonstrating the need for the Directive in open session. The closed hearing scheduled for February 7, therefore, should serve as an opportunity for you to demonstrate the need for the provisions of NSDD-84.

We are interested in determining what the Directive can do to prevent unauthorized disclosures from occuring or to minimize the damage that such disclosures cause. The closed hearing will give you an opportunity to demonstrate that the Directive can remedy the problem of unauthorized disclosures.



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We trust this letter provides you with further guidance in the preparation of your testimony.

Sincerely,

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